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SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF BAY OF BISCAY LORAN-A CHAIN
(1S3 AND 1S4) TO PAIR (1H5)

FOLLOWING IS FOR MISSION'S INFORMATION:

1. ICAO SPECIAL NORTH ATLANTIC/PACIFIC (LORAN-A) REGIONAL
AIR NAVIGATION MEETING, NOVEMBER 4-9, 1974 ADOPTED
RECOMMENDATION 1/1 RELATING TO PROPOSED CLOSE-DOWN OF
THE LORAN-A STATION OPERATED BY GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE AT
PORSPODER:

"CONVERSION OF LORAN-A CHAIN (RATES 1S3 AND 1S4) TO LORAN-
A PAIR (RATE 1H5)
THAT:

A) THE CURRENT REQUIREMENT FOR LORAN-A CHAIN RATES 1S3
AND 1S4 PROVIDED BY STATIONS AT EAST BLOCKHOUSE,
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PORSPODER AND EL FERROL BE REPLACED BY THE REQUIREMENT FOR

A RATE 1H5 LORAN-A PAIR PROVIDED BY STATIONS AT EAST BLOCKHOUSE AND EL FERROL, INCORPORATING ATOMIC FREQUENCY CONTROLLED TIMING UNITS AND AN HF SSB SPEECH CIRCUIT FOR TECHNICAL LIAISON;

B) THE NEW ARRANGEMENT BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE AIRAE DATE TO BE COORDINATED AMONG FRANCE, SPAIN, UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

I) THE NEED FOR ONE MONTH'S TIME BETWEEN THE PUBLICATION OF THE REVISED NAT LORAN-A CHART AND THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT INCLUDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF PORSPODER;

II) THE DESIRABILITY OF AN IMPLEMENTATION DATE NOT LATER THAN THE END OF JUNE 1975."

2. U.S., WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARATION OF CERTAIN AIR NAVIGATION CHARTS REQUIRED TO BE ISSUED PRIOR TO CLOSING PORSPODER, INFORMED ICAO MEETING THAT NECESSARY ACTION TO ISSUE SUCH CHARTS COULD BE COMPLETED BY LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE 1975, THEREBY PERMITTING ELIMINATION OF PORSPODER IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOREGOING RECOMMENDATION. ALL MEMBER AGENCIES OF US INTERAGENCY GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL AVIATION HAVE NOW APPROVED IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATION 1/1. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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